The estimated cost of the proposed oil-based station is Rs. 75.80 crores. The proposal could be considered for techno-economic clearance by the CEA after the statutory requirements, as per Section 29 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, have been complied with by the KSEB, all necessary inputs, including those relating to availability of fuel on sustained basis and of water etc., have been tied up and requisite clearance, including from the environmental angle, have become available.

New LPG bottling plant

3550. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that country's largest cooking gas bottling plant commissioned by the IOC is likely to start shortly;

(b) if so, by when the said plant will be started;

(c) what will be its capacity to refill the cylinders; and

(d) whether the persons in the waiting list in Delhi to get the new LPG connections are likely to be cleared and if so, to what extent?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) One of Indian Oil Corporation's largest LPG bottling plants is being commissioned by June, 1988 at Tikrikalan near Delhi;

(c) When fully commissioned, this plant will have a capacity of 75,000 Metric Tonnes Per Annum;

(d) Release of new LPG connections is done by the oil industry all over the country, including Delhi, in a phased manner under its annual programme for enrolment of customers, subject to augmentation in availability of LPG and bottling capacity.

Featuers of the Cellular phones

3551. SHRI ROSHAN LAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2700 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st March, 1988 and state:

(a) by when the system of cellular phones for rural areas will become operational;

(b) how far C-DOT is going to be involved in this projects; and

(c) what are the technical feature of the scheme including the foreign exchange component?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Plans have not yet been finalised.

(b) C-DOT is not involved in this project.

(c) The cellular system envisages provision of telephones by means of radio instead of long overhead lines. It provides fast, reliable and fault-free service. In case of 1200 lines experimental Cellular Mobile System for Bombay, the foreign exchange components is estimated to be about Rs. 6.9 crores.

Proposal of Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board

3552. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal of Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board is pending with the Central Government for the installation of generators utilizing the natural gas struck in the Godavari basin;

(b) whether the Central Government have informed the State Government of the availability of 4 lakh cubic meters of natural gas for installation of 3 units of gas turbine of 33 MW each; and